

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A duplex pipe and a joint for the duplex pipe, the duplex pipe including an outer pipe for passing a first fluid, an inner pipe disposed inside of the outer pipe, the inner pipe for passing a second fluid, and a rib for connecting the outer pipe with the inner pipe, wherein the inner pipe extends beyond the outer pipe to expose a portion of the inner pipe, the joint comprising:

a main body defining a first passage for passing the first fluid and a second passage for passing the second fluid,

a first connecting portion at an end of the first passage proximal to the outer pipe and connecting an end of the outer pipe with the first passage;

a second connecting portion at an end of the second passage proximal to the inner pipe and connecting an end of the inner pipe with the second passage, the second connecting portion defining a concave portion;

a first opening at an end of the first passage distal from the outer pipe;

a second opening at an end of the second passage distal from the inner pipe;

a stopper for engaging the end of the outer pipe or the end of the inner pipe with the first connecting portion or the second connecting portion, respectively;

a brazing material brazed in the concave portion of the second connecting portion, the brazing material for brazing the end of the inner pipe to the second connecting portion;

wherein the first opening and the second opening are formed in a side of the main body and are displaced from one another in a longitudinal direction of the duplex pipe;~~and~~

wherein the outer pipe, the inner pipe and the ribs of the duplex pipe are unitarily formed as one body by at least one of an extruding process and a drawing process;

wherein the concave portion comprises a release mouth; and

wherein the brazing material comprises a ring braze ~~is disposed on a~~ the release mouth of the concave portion of the second connecting portion, ~~which is said release mouth being~~ formed on a cylindrical surface of the second ~~opening~~ passage.

12. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the concave portion has a tapered cross section.

13. (currently amended): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the main body portion is positioned such that ~~a~~ the release mouth of the concave portion is turned upward when the end of the inner pipe is brazed to the second connecting portion to temporarily support the brazing material and store the brazing material fused therein.

14. (withdrawn): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the main body comprises a first wall defining a blind hole in the first passage and a second wall continuing to the first wall and defining a through hole communicating with the blind hole;

wherein the first connecting portion is formed at the through hole; and

wherein a blind plug is attached to a release end of the blind hole to close the release end.

15. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the main body comprises a first wall defining a blind hole in the first passage; and

the first connecting portion is formed at a release end of the blind hole.

Claims 16-25 (canceled).

27. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the exposed portion of the inner pipe extends through the first passage.

Claim 28 (canceled).

29. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein:

the concave portion is located outside the inner pipe, and

the concave portion opens toward the first passage.

30. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the first opening and the second opening are defined in one and the same side surface of the main body independently from each other.

Claim 31 (canceled).

32. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the main body is block-shaped.

Claim 33 (canceled).

34. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the first opening is orthogonal to the first connecting portion and the second opening is orthogonal to the second connecting portion.

Claim 35 (canceled).

36. (previously presented): The joint and duplex pipe according to claim 11, wherein the first passage is parallel to the second passage.